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SUBJ: CAT: SUMMARY OF JULY 26 MEETING, MILITARY/TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUP

1. FINAL MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MILITARY/TECHNICAL
CRITERIA WAS HELD ON JULY 26. BLECHMAN HEADED US SIDE;
ADMIRAL VALSOV HEADED SOVIET SIDE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO BLECHMAN QUESTION OF JULY 25, VLASOV
INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS USE MANY OF THE SAME MILITARY
CRITERIA AS THE US IN MAKING ARMS TRANSFER DECISION. HOW-
EVER, HE EMPHASIZED THEIR SUBORDINATION TO POLITICAL AND LEGAL
CONSIDERATIONS.

3. BLECHMAN URGED THE SOVIET SIDE TO PROVIDE BEFORE THE NEXT
ROUND ITS COMMENTS AND ANY SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF
DRAFT MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA TABLED BY THE US SIDE. HE
ALSO URGED THAT THE TWO SIDES COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SEEK AT THE
NEXT ROUND A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM TO IMPLEMENT THE CRITERIA.

4. IN REPLY TO A VLASOV QUESTION, BLECHMAN EMPHASIZED THAT
THE SYSTEM OF RESTRAINT ENVISAGED WAS OF A VOLUNTARY
NATURE IN WHICH COUNTRIES WOULD ADOPT NATIONAL POLICIES
OUT OF MUTUAL INTEREST. NO COUNTRY WOULD HAVE A VETO

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OVER ANOTHER'S TRANSFERS. ALSO, THE US HAD IN MIND A
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM CONSISTING OF SUPPLIERS ALONE.
ANOTHER POSSIBLE TYPE OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WOULD
PERTAIN TO THE REGIONAL APPLICATION OF CRITERIA AND
MIGHT INCLUDE RECIPIENTS AS WELL AS SUPPLIERS, BUT THE
US WAS SPEAKING HERE OF ONE COMPOSED OF SUPPLIERS.
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